

When do Groups meet next?

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| Book Group - "The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot" by Marianne Cronin Meets at Ridge Rd. | Monday 10/28 @ 7PM |
| Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Meets at Ridge Rd. | Thursday @ 6:30PM |
| Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Ridge Rd. | Tuesday @ Noon |
| Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. Meets at Ridge Rd. | Wednesday @ 5:00PM |
| Skeptic's Circle Meets at Starbucks | Tuesday 11/12 @ 6:30PM |
| Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Ridge Rd | Wednesday @ 7:00PM |
| UWF Afternoon Circle Meets at Ridge Rd. | Monday 11/11 @ 1:30PM |

For more information about our groups please contact the church office.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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| LAY SPEAKER | KIM NAVE |
| LAY READER | JENNIFER FERGUSON |
| SONG LEADERS | DALE LOCKWOOD, SUSAN SPENCER & RUTH SATORIUS |

CHURCH STAFF

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| MINISTERS | ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS |
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"Our Egypt" & "The Path of Salvation"



Miracle at the Red Sea

Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 27th, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Kim Nave

Preparing

*Gathering Lay Reader

Reader: Call on us to have that close relationship with You, Jesus.

Many Voices: We will shout to the world that You are the one and only Savior.

Reader: Call on us to know you like no other, Jesus.

Many Voices: We will spend the rest of our lives learning Your amazing Grace.

Reader: Call on us to love You as much as You love us Jesus.

Many Voices: We will share Your love Jesus, by living by Your example.

Reader: Call on us to treasure the forgiveness you have bless us with, Jesus.

Many Voices: We will spread the word, that everyone is worthy of Your forgiveness. And that it's only a prayer away.

Reader: Call on us to follow You have our whole hearts, without doubt Jesus.

Many Voices: We will follow You, Jesus with the trust You will never fail us.

*Singing "Wade in the Water" TFWS #2107

Refrain

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God's agonna trouble the water

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 27TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
2:00PM TRUNK OR TREAT

MONDAY 28TH

7:00PM BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY 29TH

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 30TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 31ST

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

SATURDAY 2ND

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

~Sunday November 3rd—All Saints Day
~Sunday November 10th @ 11am—Good Futures Meeting
~Monday, November 11th @ 1:30—Afternoon Circle
~Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:30pm—Skeptic's Circle

Daylights Savings Time Ends 11/3. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour next Sunday.

The church office is closed October 28th-November 1st. As always, contact Pastor Dave with any emergencies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

27 Nancy Biel
29 Stephanie Ambrose
29 Thomas McGrath

November
1 Olivia Nischke

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is now serving 40 area families! We have a high need for protein-rich foods and monetary donations. Monies received will be used for milk and eggs. Any of these canned high protein foods are wonderful donations: tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam, peanut butter, baked beans, pork and beans, and pinto beans. We also need boxed spaghetti pasta and rice. Thank you so much for your continuing support of this ministry feeding our neighbors in need!

Chair Yoga Time?

Our Outreach Committee requests your input! We're attempting to ascertain level of interest in a Chair Yoga Class. Chair Yoga can help people exercise without putting pressure on joints, reduce the fear of falling, and help those who are not used to exercise to begin improving their strength and balance. We're thinking twice per week, morning and/or afternoon, but exact days/times are TBD. For now, we just need to know if you are interested! If so, please tell Gail Flatness at 815-342-5535.

UMCOR—Hurricane Helene Relief

UMCOR is the disaster relief arm of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR Early Response Teams are helping with removal of debris, tarping of roofs, and cleaning out of homes in hard-hit areas. Giving through UMCOR means 100% of your gift goes to onsite relief efforts because UMCOR's operational costs are funded through other means. To contribute to UMCOR's Hurricane Helene Relief in person, bring or mail a check marked Hurricane Relief in the memo.

LEARNING

Book Group

Join us Monday October 28th

The October book is *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. Seventeen-year-old Lenni Petterson lives on the Terminal Ward at the Glasgow Princess Royal Hospital. Though she's been told she's dying, Lenni still has plenty of living to do. Joining the hospital's arts and crafts class, she meets magnificent Margot, an eighty-three-year-old, purple-pajama-wearing, fruit-cake-eating rebel, who transforms Lenni's life in ways she never imagined.

As their friendship blooms, a world of stories opens up for these unlikely companions, who, between them, have been alive for one hundred years. Though their days are dwindling, both are determined to leave their marks on the world. Lenni and Margot devise a plan to create one hundred paintings showcasing the stories of the century they have lived - stories of love and loss, of courage and kindness, of unexpected tenderness and pure joy.

Though the end is near, life isn't quite done with these unforgettable women just yet. Delightfully funny and bittersweet, heartbreaking yet ultimately uplifting, this book reminds us of the preciousness of life as it considers the legacy we choose to leave, how we influence the lives of others after we're gone, and the wonder of a friendship that transcends time.

Verse 1

See that host all dressed in white,
God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 2

See that band all dressed in red,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 3

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a coming on me,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 4

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

Conversing With Children

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet Reflection; Relaxing into quietness creates the space for deep listening and draws you into yourself.]

Reader: O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of Your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth.

[Quiet Reflection]

Reader: O God who makes all things new, speak to us as whole people today. May Your truth touch not just our intellects, but also our deeper yearnings of heart and soul. We bring with us our daily concerns, as well as our more eternal struggles. May Your new creation in us shed light upon our everyday walk.

[Quiet Reflection]

Reader: O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy spirit to strengthen, comfort and guide us in the midst of our storms. You are greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still, trust, and know that You are God.

[Quiet Reflection]

Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...[Lord’s Prayer, UMH #894]

*Singing

“Victory in Jesus”

UMH #370

REFRAIN

O victory in Jesus,
My Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
And all my love is due Him;
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood.

Discipleship Commitments

This fall we’ve talked a lot about living our faith through practices of discipleship. Because, as our sermon series declares, practice makes possible. Practices make it possible for us to become the people Jesus calls us to be. This journey of faith starts with the practice of opening. Opening ourselves to all God’s Holy Spirit calls us to do and to be. Namely, people who love God with our whole selves and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Once we are open to God, we are ready for next steps.

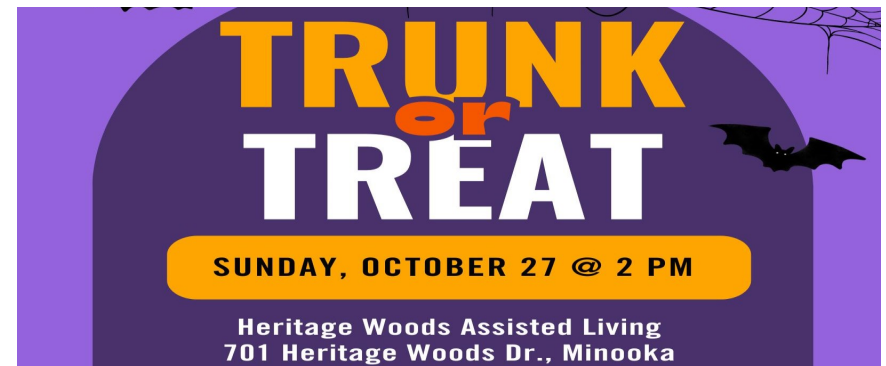
Taking our membership vows seriously means we all commit to discipleship through the practices of praying, serving, gathering, inviting, and giving. Sermons about each of these practices are available on our website (minookaumc.com) and our YouTube page (@MinookaUMC).

By now, all church members should have received a discipleship commitment form. If you have not received one, contact the church office. Please prayerfully consider your discipleship commitments for 2025 as you fill out our form. (Then you may want to make a copy as a reminder of your commitments.) Please return your discipleship commitment form by November 10, 2024.

Thank you for being a vital part of our congregation!

SERVING

TODAY at 2PM Trunk or Treat



Grief Support Group

Our monthly Grief Support Group has begun and will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 12pm in the Sanctuary. It is open to anyone grieving a death. Contact group leaders Karen Pubentz or Chris Vause with any questions. Our next gathering will be November 14th titled “Grief during the Holidays”

Proclaiming (Part #2) “The Path of Salvation” Kim Nave,
Lay Speaker

Giving Kim Nave

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer Lay Reader

Many Voices: Almighty God, as we come before You with our offerings, we are reminded of our constant need for You in our lives. You are our Provider, our Sustainer, and our Strength. Without You, we are nothing. May these gifts be a symbol of our dependence on You, acknowledging that all we have comes from Your hand. Amen.

***Singing** “I have decided to follow Jesus” TFWS #2129

Verse 1

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus No turning back, no turning back

Verse 2

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me No turning back, no turning back

Verse 3

Though none go with me, I still will follow; Though none go with me, I still will follow; Though none go with me, I still will follow No turning back, no turning back

***Sending Forth** Kim Nave

Exiting Music

Verse 1

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.

REFRAIN

Verse 2

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, “Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,”
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory.

REFRAIN

Verse 3

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory.

REFRAIN

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:5-14

Lay Reader

⁵ When word reached the king of Egypt that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds. “What have we done, letting all those Israelite slaves get away?” they asked. ⁶ So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops. ⁷ He took with him 600 of Egypt’s best chariots, along with the rest of the chariots of Egypt, each with its commander. ⁸ The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so he chased after the people of Israel, who had left with fists raised in defiance. ⁹ The Egyptians chased after them with all the forces in Pharaoh’s army—all his horses and chariots, his charioteers, and his troops. The Egyptians caught up with the people of Israel as they were camped beside the shore near Pi-hahiroth, across from Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the LORD, ¹¹ and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”

¹³ But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. ¹⁴ The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

Proclaiming (Part #1)

“Our Egypt”

Kim Nave, Lay Speaker

2nd Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:19-27

Lay Reader

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been leading the people of Israel, moved to the rear of the camp. The pillar of cloud also moved from the front and stood behind them. ²⁰ The cloud settled between the Egyptian and Israelite camps. As darkness fell, the cloud turned to fire, lighting up the night. But the Egyptians and Israelites did not approach each other all night.

²¹ Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the LORD opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. ²² So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

²³ Then the Egyptians—all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and charioteers—chased them into the middle of the sea. ²⁴ But just before dawn the LORD looked down on the Egyptian army from the pillar of fire and cloud, and he threw their forces into total confusion. ²⁵ He twisted their chariot wheels, making their chariots difficult to drive. “Let’s get out of here—away from these Israelites!” the Egyptians shouted. “The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!”

²⁶ When all the Israelites had reached the other side, the LORD said to Moses, “Raise your hand over the sea again. Then the waters will rush back and cover the Egyptians and their chariots and charioteers.” ²⁷ So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the LORD swept them into the sea.